

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel tank comprising:
a-an exterior shell formed by assembling together at least two tank portions assembled together, and made by molding aof molded plastics material, and, when assembled together, defining the inside surface of the tank said tank including
a compartment integrally molded with a bottom wall of one of said portions,
and
a fuel pump located entirely within the shell and fixed into to its inside surface prior to the tank portions being assembled together. the compartment.
2. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, wherein the shell of the tank has no through orifice suitable for enabling a fitting to be inserted into the inside of the tank.
3. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, in which the fuel pump has a body, wherein the shell of the tank has no through orifice of section greater than the section of the fuel pump body.
4. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, wherein the fuel tank has no through orifice in register with the fuel pump.
5. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, including at least one fitting such as a fuel gauge fixed to the inside surface of the tank and separate from said fuel pump.
6. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, ~~including a~~wherein the compartment is placed at a low point of the tank, and~~wherein~~ one of the tank portions includes a filler tube ~~whose~~having an end through which the fuel leaves ~~is positioned in such~~ a manner that, during filling, the fuel drops in the compartment.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, including wherein the pump is supported by support means for supporting the pump and serving to avoid transmitting vibration from the pump to the tank.

10. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 9, wherein the support means comprise comprising a central portion arranged configured to receive the pump, and fins enabling attached to the central portion to be held and arranged configured to be fixed to the a wall defining of said compartment.

11. (Original) A tank according to claim 1, wherein the two tank portions are made by injection molding a thermoplastic material.

12. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, wherein at lest one of the tank portions has fixing means for enabling a fitting to be fixed inside the tank, said fixing means being integrally molded out of the same material as said at least one tank portion.

13. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the tank portions comprises the fixing means comprise at least one wall projecting into the inside of the tank for enabling a fitting to be fixed inside the tank, said at least one wall being integrally molded out of the same material as said at least one tank portion.

14. (Original) A tank according to claim 13, wherein the wall has at least one recess suitable for receiving a fixing member of the fitting.

15. (Original) A tank according to claim 13, wherein said wall has at least one tooth for snap-fastening in a recess of the fitting.

16. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the tank portions includes a housing enabling a fitting to be fixed on the tank from outside the tank, said housing being defined by a wall integrally molded with the corresponding at least one tank portion.

17. (Original) A tank according to claim 16, wherein said fitting is a fuel filter.
18. (Original) A tank according to claim 16, wherein said fitting is a canister.
19. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, wherein one of the tank portions substantially forms ~~the~~a bottom half while the other substantially forms ~~the~~a top half.
20. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~a bottom portion of the tank includes a housing defined by a wall integrally molded out of the same material as said bottom portion, and ~~suitable~~configured for receiving a fuel filter.
21. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~a top portion of the tank includes a housing defined by a wall integrally molded out of the same material as said top portion, for ~~the purpose of~~ receiving a canister.
22. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~an inside surface of the tank includes substantially vertical ribs.
23. (Original) A tank according to claim 22, wherein at least one rib has a passage passing through its base to allow fuel to flow therethrough.
24. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, including a fuel gauge fixed to ~~the~~an inside surface of the tank.
25. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, including a pressure regulator fixed to the inside surface of the tank close to ~~its~~a low point.
26. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 1, wherein the tank portions are assembled together by at least one of adhesive or by heat-sealing.
27. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a fuel tank, the method comprising the following steps:
- a) making ~~a~~at least two tank portions out of plastics material by molding;
 - b) fixing a fuel pump to the inside surface of one of the tank portions; and
 - c) assembling the tank portions together.

28. (Original) A method according to claim 27, wherein the two tank portions are made by injection molding a thermoplastic material.

29. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 27, wherein one of the tank portions ~~constitutes the~~ forms a bottom portion of the tank, and wherein the following are fixed to the inside surface of said bottom portion:

the fuel pump;
a pressure regulator; and
a fuel gauge.

30. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 27, wherein one of the tank portions ~~constitutes the~~ forms a top portion of the tank, and wherein the following are fixed to the inside surface of said top portion:

a check valve;
a filler tube; and
a degassing duct.

31. (Original) A fuel tank comprising a shell formed by assembling together at least two tank portions made by molding a plastics material and, when assembled together, defining the inside surface of the tank, said tank including a compartment placed at a low point of the tank and one of said tank portions includes a filler tube whose end through which the fuel leaves is positioned in such a manner that, during filling, the fuel falls into the compartment.